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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of the SSCI on the Soviet Union

1. The SSCI held the first in a series of hearings on the Soviet Union at 1500 on 8 June 1989. The briefing was held in SHOB-219 and a transcript was taken. The briefers included George Kolt. Director of Soviet Analysis (D/SOVA), and also of SOVA, Doug MacEachin, Director of the Arms Control Intelligence Staff (D/ACIS) and Bob Blackwell, National Intelligence Office for the USSR.

- 2. Senators Boren, Cohen, Bradley, Dansforth, Warner, Nunn and Specter were present for all or part of the hearing.
- 3. Staffers present for all or part of the hearings were George Tenet, Jim Dykstra, Dave Holliday, Chris Mellon, Don Mitchell, John Després, John Elliff, Rich Arenberg, Chris Straub, Dick Combs, Jean McNaughton, Ed Levine, Keith Hall, Bob Morgan, Blythe Thomas, Gary Sojka, Mary Sturtevant, John Chambers, Michelle Walters and Eric Lee.
- 4. The briefing consisted of a very general review of current changes underway in the Soviet Union and was intended as an introduction to a series of hearings the Committee will hold on this subject.

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